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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project OXCART Security Survey

1. At a meeting held between the Director of Security and the Assistant Director, OSA, and members of their staffs on 3 September 1963, the proposed security survey of Project OXCART was discussed.

2. The Director of Security pointed out that in order for an overall plan to be drawn up regarding policy recommendations on steps to be taken at the time that the OXCART vehicle is surfaced either by design or by accident, certain information is necessary. As an example, the Director of Security asked whether this Agency is aware of the DOD or Air Force overall plans in the specific uses of the Air Force version of the OXCART vehicle. It was generally agreed that this information is not in possession of this Agency at this time and there was speculation as to whether the Air Force was in possession of a complete plan.

3. The Director of Security then observed that the purpose for his requesting a security survey was to use the survey as a means by which this information could be obtained, if available. He noted that by NRO directive, this type of question can be posed during a security survey.

4. Assistant Director, OSA, stated that he did not feel that a survey is necessary at this time. He proposed that Colonel Leo Geary, Director, Program D, be queried in order to gain this information. It was also mentioned that a survey of this nature had been conducted during the latter months of 1962, the results of which are on file in OSA. Colonel Ledford felt that with this current information which will hopefully be supplied by Colonel Geary, enough information will be available from which an overall policy plan can be drawn up.

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5. It was agreed that Colonel Geary would be contacted by OSA upon his return from leave.

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